In 4-H Activities

Accomplishments noted

Recognition is important to everyone and 4-H provides recognition for all members who participate in its many programs and activities. Most 4-H events are judged on the Danish system meaning that each participant receives an award based on how well he or she does in the program.

Young people are recognized for their completed projects and have an opportunity to earn county 4-H medals through their project work.

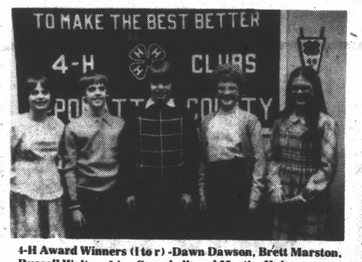
Special awards are also provided through sponsors for major 4-H events such as Share-the-Fun, 4-H Dog Show and Public Speaking. Over the past ten years more than 3,000 young people have received awards in these programs.

Many scholarships and special trips are earned through the 4-H program. Scholarships to State 4-H Congress, out-of-state trips and participating in area, state, and national programs are all opportunities for active 4-H members.

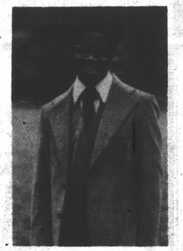
Pictured are: Janet Smith receiving a county 4-H medal from Mrs. Shirley Walton, extension agent; 4-H award winners Dawn Dawson, Brett Marston, Russell Walton, Lisa Campbell and Martha Haley; Mr. Bill Caldwell, vice president of Pamplin Ruritan Club with Wildlife Feed Patch Winners; Wayne Waycaster, Jo Ellen Garrett, Glen McClenny and Angelia Jaggars; David Hancock -- delegate to 4-H Business Management Workshop.

1979 4-H Wildlife Feed Patch Winners

Janet Snell receives County 4-H Medal from Mrs. Walton



4-H Award Winners (l to r) -Dawn Dawson, Brett Marston, Russell Walton, Lisa Campbell, and Martha Haley.



David Hancock

ONE OF THE BEST THINGS about competing on the 4-H Senior level is the chance of winning a trip to 4-H Congress. This event is held each year in June on the Virgina Tech campus.The first session is Monday night. Tuesday is contest day, demonstrations, public speaking, judging teams, etc. The highlight of Tuesday night is the parade of winners. Wednesday is the day in which the delegates go to workshops and have a chance to play sports. The highlight of the week is Thursday night. The program is the Share-The-Fun winners and dress revue; also installation of officers for the next year. The last event is the disco dance. On Friday morning the 4-Hers all go home with memories of Congress. Shown above is the local group which attended 4-H Congress this summer.

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The first 4-Her tells her story

By LAURA WALTON

Do you have any idea what it was like to be the first 4-H'er in Appomattox County? Well, Mrs. Mary Moore of Oakville shared her experiences about being the first 4-H'er.

In 1914, Miss Gretchen Bell, the first 4-H extension agent in Appomattox County, came around to all the schools in her Model-T Ford to form 4-H clubs in the classrooms. Mrs. Moore described herself as a "go-getter" who was the only girl in class to volunteer to join the 4-H club.

The club was split into two groups, a tomato club for the girls and a corn club for the boys. Mrs. Moore said she was very excited about the tomato club. Each member had to raise 1/10 of an acre of tomatoes.

She went home and asked her daddy, Mr. Thomas Coleman, if she could have a tomato patch. He said he reckoned she could.

So ten-year-old Mary Coleman along with other members of her family raised a tomato patch. They worked in and cared for the plants, picked them and canned them in tin cans. Mrs. Moore competed with other girls in her 4-H club to sell the tomatoes. She said she was scared that some of the girls would outsell her, but she sold all her cans and made a good bit of money.

Mrs. Moore was also involved in other 4-H activities. She learned cooking and sewing skills, participated in demonstration and public speaking contests, and held the offices of president and secretary in her 4-H club. She also attended 4-H Short Course in Blacksburg, which is similar to today's 4-H State Congress for senior members.

Looking back at her 4-H experiences, Mrs. Moore said that 4-H has helped her in many ways. The most important of these were that she as a small girl would help older people in the community with many projects she had learned through 4-H. Mrs. Moore has been a loyal supporter of 4-H for 66 years and is a perfect example of what 4-H represents.

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